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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Patrick R. LANCASTER, III et al.) Group Art Unit: 3721
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Application No.: 10/767,863) Examiner: Tawfik, Sameh
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Filed: January 30, 2004) Confirmation No.: 2966
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
SECURING A LOAD TO A)
PALLET WITH A ROPED FILM)
WEB)

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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Without withdrawing allowed claims 50, 53-55, 119-128, 139, and 141-155 from issue, Applicant provides the following comments on the Examiner's Amendment and Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability dated March 31, 2009.

With respect to claims 129-138, 140, and 156-174, Applicant wishes to clarify that the cancellation of the claims by Examiner's Amendment is without prejudice or disclaimer, and the cancellation should not be interpreted as an admission that the claims are unpatentable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue those cancelled claims in a continuing application.

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner paraphrases language from a portion of the allowed claims as the purported reasons for allowance. Applicant wishes the record to reflect that, for at least this reason, although Applicant agrees with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the claims are patentable, Applicant does not necessarily agree with the stated reasons for allowance or the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record.

Applicant submits these Comments in an effort to ensure that the claims are properly construed using only the language recited in the claims, and that Applicant is entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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